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Slowdown in Production of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has been missing both its output and offtake target for the last few months, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) whether it is a fact that the CIL is considering a slowdown in production of coal, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether all subsidiaries of CIL are geared up to take up the coal production to higher levels but the stock accumulating at their pitheads is a major constraining factor which is not permitting them to produce further, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether it is a fact that over burden removal was on an all time high during 2015-16 with 265.63 million cubic meters more than the previous fiscal, if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the overall coal dispatch as well as those to power utilities dropped on a year to year basis, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a): During April-October 2016-17, CIL produced 273.57 Mte. of coal which was 89% of its corresponding target. The off-take of coal from CIL was 292.16 Mte. during April-October 2016-17 which was 88.% of the corresponding target.

Generally, it is observed that coal production slows down considerably between June−September every year. This trend is evident this year also and the downswing has been greater than previous years due to excessive rain in coal mining areas. The production has picked up from October onwards

(b)&(c): Though the vendible stock of CIL as on 1/11/2016 at 38.59 Mte. was higher as compared to the vendible stock of 31.74 Mte as on 1/11/2015, CIL has planned to produce more coal and has set a target of producing 598.61 Mt. coal in 2016-17 against an achievement of coal production of 538.75 Mt during 2015-16 with a growth rate of 11.11%.

(d): The Overburden removal by CIL during 2015-16 was 1148.91 Million Cubic meter as compared to 886.53 Million Cubic meter during 2014-15 having an incremental growth of 262.38 Million Cubic meter.

(e): Overall off-take of coal from CIL during 2016-17 (upto Oct. 2016) was 292.16 Mte (Prov.) as against 295.80 Mte. during the corresponding period of last year, a drop of 3.64 Mte on a year on year basis. Dispatch to power utility sector from CIL sources during 2016-17 (upto Oct. 2016) declined by 8.27 Mte to 216.86 Mte. (Prov) against 225.13 Mte. during corresponding period of last year primarily on account of regulated lifting by Thermal Power Plants who preferred to consume from stock.

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